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- 1. The general situation in Yugoslavia is The to be very bad, and as a consequence, the people feel that they have not achieved the objectives for which they fought and strived. A prominent Party member, for example, receives a monthly salary of 6,400, but this will in no way suffice for even a bare existence.
- 2. Frices of commodities which can be purchased on the open market are very high, and as a result, purchases must be made in the ration stores, which are never well stocked. The very fact that everything is available on the open market but is priced beyond the means of the average person has created considerable public dissatisfaction.
- 3. Morale is very low. The people suffered greatly during the war, and also in the post-war years. They would now like to enjoy the prospect of a better life. Everyone is anxiously awaiting a major change; the general feeling being that it is not possible to continue indefinitely under the present conditions.

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